

Richmond Dispatch.

TUESDAY.....MAY 2, 1882.

The vote last Saturday on unseating Mr. CHALMERS, of Mississippi, and giving his place to the negro LYNCH, developed the fact that it is not in the Virginia Legislature only that the Democrats by their votes pass the measures of their opponents. The first vote was 106, nros. 18. The next vote was 125, nros. 71. It was this last vote that turned the distinguished CHALMERS out and seated LYNCH. It requires 127 votes to make a quorum. As the affirmative vote was only 125, it is evident that Mr. CHALMERS was displaced by Democratic votes.

The names of the Democrats who voted are such as to convince us that the Washington Post does injustice to them when it says that the Democratic matron gathers up her skirts and retreats to the cellar whenever Republican thunder is heard in her neighborhood. We notice the names not only of CAREL, TUCKER, WISE, and BARBOUR, of Virginia, but of Speaker RANDALL, SUNSET COX, CARLISLE of Kentucky, and others of the best Democrats in the House. Our interpretation of their conduct is that they have determined to make the fight upon some other case or cases of contested seats. There is doubtless in the CHALMERS case something that caused them to conclude that it would be bad policy to make a test case of it.

Our neighbor of the State is rather hard upon the Democrats in the House of Representatives by the aid of whose votes (counted to make up a quorum) Mr. CHALMERS, of Mississippi, was last Saturday deprived of his seat. We must confess that we rather enjoyed the State's censuring remarks; yet we are pretty confident that our neighbor had not seen the record of the vote when its article was penned. We repeat here, what we have said in another article—written before we saw the State's—that there must be some reason unknown to the public which the Democrats of the House considered sufficient to justify them in allowing their votes to be counted to make up the quorum which unseated Mr. CHALMERS.

DR. CURRY AMONG THE EDITORS.—There was an entertainment given by the editors, visiting and other, at Houston, Texas, last Tuesday night. Among the invited guests was Hon. J. L. M. CURRY, of this city, whom we hear of everywhere as the active and industrious agent of the PEABODY Fund. As usual, he outstripped all the others of the occasion. The Post says:

"Dr. J. L. M. Curry, representing the Peabody trustees, was next introduced to the audience. It was one of the most eloquent addresses that it has ever been our pleasure to listen to. It is useless to say that his theme was upon education in its broadest acceptance. He had heard the report of the Committee on Education as read before the Press Association, and endorsed it heartily. His address was received with the greatest interest throughout and loudly and frequently applauded. Some of the speaker's oratorical climaxes were really marvelous for an impromptu address showing his perfect mastery of the eloquent art. Dr. Curry's address closed the evening exercises."

And so we are to have the street railway along Main street. Well, it is much needed, and will be welcomed by a good many thousands of our people.

Brief News Items.

James Histon, a prominent business-man of Troy, N. Y., shot himself through the brain Sunday night. He leaves a family.

Robert C. McCullough, a prominent citizen of Frostburg, Md., died Saturday; aged seventy-three years.

During April 29 new oil-wells, with a production of 9,649 barrels, were completed in the Pennsylvania oil region. On the last day of April there were 452 rigs building and 406 wells drilling.

William Hadeler, formerly a prominent business-man of Palmyra, O., was on Sunday found locked in his store dying with an empty vial, which held morphine, beside him. He leaves a widow and two children.

Five hundred White Mountain Apaches are reported to have broken out from the San Carlos reservation in Arizona and to be heading for the Gila river. Several additional murders are reported, and the Indians are running off stock and burning ranches.

Judge OTIS P. Lord, of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, was stricken with unconsciousness at his home in Salem Sunday afternoon. He rallied somewhat afterward, but his condition is critical. He is in his seventieth year.

Right Rev. N. A. Gallagher, D. D., of Columbus, Ohio, was consecrated Bishop of Galveston, Texas, Sunday, one Archbishop, six bishops, and one hundred priests participating in the ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Bishop Watson, of Columbus, Ohio, upon "The Church Ever Ancient and Ever New."

In New York on Sunday Superintendent Walling had 800 people on hand early to prevent the socialist organizations parading from the German Assembly rooms to Williamsburg ferry to celebrate the laying of the corner-stone of Froebel's monument, at Williamsburg. The organizations finally gave up the design.

Withdrawal of a Minister from the Baptist Church.

Boston, April 30.—William Haynes Leavel, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, severed his connection with the Baptist denomination this morning because, as he claims, it does not allow sufficient liberty of thought. In his farewell address he said: "Unfortunately for the Baptist denomination, there is no recognition of a liberal evangelical wing in its ministry. So soon as one desires to breathe a freer theological atmosphere, no matter how truly evangelical the tone of his thinking nor how strong his desire to remain orthodox, he is suspected of having transcended all legitimate bounds, and is used as a minister of the New Testament, is thereby impaired. The only liberty granted to such a man is the liberty to go out. There are other denominations as evangelical as ours, where the limits are not so contracted, and to such a one I go. I leave both the Baptist ministry and church, but do not leave the Church of Jesus Christ." Mr. Leavell is a native of South Carolina, a son-in-law of Senator George, of Mississippi, and came here from New York city, where he was for some time the pastor of a Baptist church, and his liberal tendencies created much interest in religious circles.

New post-offices have been established at Trout Dale, Grayson county, with Eli W. Greear as postmaster, and at Henrico, Henrico county, with James H. Beck postmaster.

The Board of Directors of the Normal and Collegiate Institute will meet in Petersburg on Thursday next to determine upon a site for that institution.

The early fruits are believed to have been nearly all destroyed in Giles county by the recent cold snap. The apple crop has not suffered materially.

A Michigan boy ate a bar of soap, drank a lot of soda water, and went to bed, to cure his cold. The doctor had a hard time to pull him through. But the boy now says the next time he catches a cold he will use Dr. Bill's Cough Syrup.

A DIABOLICAL PLOT.

To Blow Up Vanderbilt and Field.

Internal Machines Sent by Nihilists through the Mails to the New York Millionaires—A Fortunate Discovery—Another Attempt at Superintendent Walling, etc.

NEW YORK, April 29.—An attempt was made to-day by some persons on the lives of William H. Vanderbilt and Cyrus W. Field by sending them explosives through the mails. Fortunately the dangerous character of the packages was discovered on route to the post-office station, whence they were to be delivered at the residences of these gentlemen, and so a probable loss of life was prevented.

The circumstances of the case as related by Postmaster Pearson this evening are as follows: Two misses came into the post-office about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. One was posted in the office and the other was brought in by a collector a few minutes afterwards. The last one was addressed to William H. Vanderbilt, 439 Fifth avenue. The first one was dressed to Cyrus W. Field, Lexington avenue and Thirty-third street. The packets were placed in a mail-bag along with other mail matter for the up-town district, put in a mail-wagon and taken to the Third Avenue Elevated Railroad Station, at the head of Chatham street, and then deposited on the front platform of one of the cars. The train started up-town, and before reaching the station at Ninth street and Third avenue an explosion was heard from the mail-bag, and fire and smoke was observed to issue from it. When the train stopped at the station the burning bag was hastily transferred to the platform, as the railroad people were afraid to transport it any further on the train. It was taken down stairs, placed on a wagon, and taken to the post-office station at Twenty-ninth street and Third avenue. Superintendent Mosher, who is in charge there, dispatched a messenger in haste for Postmaster Pearson, and when that official arrived the half-burned mail-bag and its contents were examined. The package addressed to Cyrus W. Field was plunged into a bucket of water in fear that it might also explode, and when the roughly sooted was examined carefully, it was found to consist of a pasteboard box covered with gaudy flowers and pictures, and had a small drawer in it, from which depended a string, it is supposed, for the purpose of opening it. The box was found in a tin canister containing about half pound of powder, and a glass jar containing a white powder and a liquid, believed to be some kind of explosive, but what it was none of the post-office officials could say. It will be sent to a chemist for analysis. On the packages were ten five-cent stamps. It was Mr. Vanderbilt's package that exploded, probably caused by the jolt of the cars when rounding the curve out of the Bowery into Third avenue, and but for which occurrence the packages might have reached their destination and exploded in the hands of the parties to whom they were sent. The contents of the mail-bag were pretty well scorched by the explosion. The post-office officials are making a vigorous effort to trace the packages to the parties who sent them, and no stone will be left unturned. Postmaster Pearson says, to hunt them down.

A POSSIBLE CLEW.

The lateness of the hour at which the discovery of this attempted mischief was made of course prevented Postmaster Pearson from making a very thorough investigation of the matter last evening. He, however, was able to tell from the post-office marks upon the boxes that one of them had been brought in by a collector, and the other dropped into the proper receptacle on the Park-Row side of the post-office. Both, therefore, had been mailed in the First district, and the time-stamps upon them showed that they were mailed between 3 and 3:30 o'clock. The pouch containing the two boxes was loaded, together with six others, into a wagon and taken to the City-Hall Elevated railway station a little before 4 o'clock. It is a curious fact that in the box addressed to Mr. "Wanderbilt" was a small piece torn from the bottom of a German newspaper. As this was displayed in the postmaster's office he right away asked of Mr. Field's Interceptor package which contained the address, a reporter pulled its pasted folds apart and saw the address, "No. 311 east Nineteenth street," written in pencil. Mr. Pearson therewith wet the paper, and after awhile was able to pull the pieces sufficiently apart to reveal the full address of the German newspaper. This discovery led to a closer scrutiny of the boxes and their contents, and picking up that piece of the wrapper taken from Mr. Field's Interceptor package which contained the address, a reporter pulled its pasted folds apart and saw the address, "No. 311 east Nineteenth street," written in pencil. Mr. Pearson therewith wet the paper, and he had to be left in jail. This fellow, as the jailer was going up the steps to one of the upper stories, knocked him down, ran him, and made his escape. And it was afterwards discovered that as prisoner No. 1, saw the jailer down he also ran by with the result above described.

May commences with clear skies and the thermometer at 42 degrees on one of the hills of the city. The Sunnfield building, already one of the largest blocks in the city, is being enlarged by the addition of a fourth story, and the inner departments of the second and third stories have undergone a complete rearrangement. The foundations of a splendid residence for Mr. W. N. Shelton, on Main street, have just been laid.

Things continue to be interesting about Dundee Junction. A trestle is being built for tracks on each side of the stone bridge at Fall creek, and the timbers of the wooden bridge over Dan river are being gradually taken away. And now people professing to know say that the plan of the engineers to be enlarged, has a double-track iron bridge to be built, and that the Midland railroad will run across Dan river, and a grand Union depot to be established on this side of the Rhine.

Lexington Presbytery.

THIRD DAY.

(Referred to the Dispatch.)

STEEL'S TAVERN, April 29, 1882.

From the statistical report it appears that the losses and gains in the membership of the churches during the past year are about equal. There was an increase of several hundred dollars in the contributions to be remitted; also, in the amounts paid to ministerial support and congregational expenses.

Mr. E. H. Stover, of Tinkling-Spring church, was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Chillicothe, W. Va., was chosen as the place of the next stated meeting, the 30th of August.

The fact that this large Presbytery has only three candidates, and the additional fact that there is great scarcity of candidates in our whole Church, was a matter of deep concern to the Presbytery.

Resolutions were offered directing the ministers to urge upon Christian parents the duty and privilege of giving their sons to the Church in the service of the gospel ministry and to press upon our young men the claims of this office. Ministers and people were invoked to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest."

The appeal from the action of the Session of Philadelphi church, by which a member was suspended from its communion, occupied several hours of the Presbytery's time. The records of the trial contained near two hundred pages of manuscript. A very large majority decided that the appeal should not be sustained.

A. H. H.

More About the Internal Machines.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The police are at work trying to discover who sent the internal machines to William H. Vanderbilt and Cyrus W. Field. As already related, two packages were sent through the post-office yesterday addressed to Vanderbilt and Field. They were placed in a bag and sent to the up-town district. On the way one of them exploded, badly burning the letters in the bag. The other package was taken in charge by Postmaster Pearson, to whom the facts were reported.

The internal-machine men were not satisfied with paying their compliments to Messrs. Field and Vanderbilt, but included themselves in the plot. The police force, in their lists, John A. Davenport, who lives in their lists, John A. Davenport, on east Nineteenth street, and who looks very much like him, has found that this resemblance is likely to prove dangerous. He went about half past 9 o'clock on Saturday evening and the outer door of the vestibule open, as he had found it, but closed the inner door. Shortly after he heard an explosion in the vestibule. The explosion was so loud that it burst the door wide open, and deluged the parcel. The parcel was found to consist of a cigar-box. A stout wire secured the whole. At the end of the cigar-box was a small hole through which a fuse had evidently been passed. The box had been placed in the vestibule immediately after Mr. Davenport's entrance, Mr. Davenport conceiving that this imitation of an internal machine originated in the malice of the mischievous boys of the neighborhood, thought little of it until he read in this morning's papers that Superintendent Walling's name had been found on the box mailed to Cyrus W. Field. It occurred to him that he had been mistaken for the Superintendent of Police, and that the internal machine was intended for Mr. Walling.

Promoter Pearson to-day found that the explosive contained in the internal machine sent to Mr. Vanderbilt was gun-cotton, and it is inferred that the contents of the exploded flask designed for Mr. Field were the same. The gun-cotton is very closely packed in the flask that remains intact. When closely packed it is an explosive of four times the force of gunpow-

der; loose, it is much less violent in its action than gunpowder.

This afternoon Promoter Pearson sent the exploded flask and the glass bulb to Professor E. Ogden Langmuir, the chemist. Professor Langmuir discovered at once that the liquid contained in the glass bulb was sulfurous acid. This made the workings of the internal machine clear at once. On top of the gun-cotton in the flasks was some powdered chlorate of potash mixed with fine sugar, flour, or pulverized gunpowder. A drop of the acid falling into this mixture would produce immediate combustion and fire the gun-cotton. The glass bulb of the internal machine, with its slender neck penetrating the cork of the flask, would retain the acid with which it was filled. As soon as the bulb was broken, however, the acid was free to run down into the flask.

"The package contained a half-ounce of gun-cotton," said Dr. Langmuir. "The device was a devilish one and the perpetrator should be punished accordingly."

A reporter asked Cyrus W. Field at his residence this evening if he had received any warning by letter or otherwise of an attempt upon his life.

"I have received many threatening letters," he said, "but none which I knew concerned this machine."

"When did you first hear of this machine?"

"On Saturday evening, when Postmaster Pearson called at my office by my secretary or some person on the lines of my office."

"Do you believe it came from the same people who blew up the Andre monument?"

"Why should they have sent one to Mr. Vanderbilt? He certainly had nothing to do with the monument."

"Do you open your own mail?"

"I do not open tenth of it. It is opened both here and at my office by my secretary or some of the servants."

"Would such a package as this be opened carelessly?"

"I think not; great caution would be used. It would certainly excite suspicion."

"Are you taking any steps to learn who sent it?"

"Investigation is being made."

"Have you any knowledge whatever relating to this machine?"

"None at present."

"Have other internal machines ever been sent to you?"

"None, as far as I know."

DANVILLE.

A FIRE—QUITE A STIR FOR SUNDAY MORNING—THE SUMMERFIELD BUILDING—A NEW BUILDING—RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

MONUMENTAL CHURCH GUILD.—THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING will be held THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock in the Sunday-school room of the church.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT,

WILLIAM H. GRANT, JR., Secretary.

MONUMENTAL CHURCH GUILD.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE HOLLYWOOD MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, May 2, 1882, at 8 o'clock. A full and prompt attendance is desired.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT,

JOHN M. HIGGINS, Secretary.

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